

Utah Department of Health  
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Prehospital Data Conference

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Sessions and Presenters

**Welcome – Catch the Vision**

A query into football and EMS.

**Travis Scoresby**, Assistant Training Coordinator, Bureau of EMS

Travis has been involved in EMS for over 5 years. Since completing his bachelors degree at the University of Utah he has worked as firefighter, ski patroller, health educator and for the last three years as the assistant training coordinator for the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Travis has been instrumental in the implementation of the NEMSIS data set in Utah and now is focused on developing EMS training standards.

**NEMSIS at the National Level**

How prehospital data is going to be used at the national level; future directions.

**Wendy Weber**, Data Manager, NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center

Wendy Weber is a Data Manager at NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her main focus is the development and building of reports that serve National, State and local EMS audiences. Secondly, her reporting systems have motivated other states to move towards data submission to the National EMS database.

Prior to NEMSIS, Wendy spent almost 4 years as a Data Developer for JetBlue Airways facilitating data access through reports and dashboards to several business areas throughout the company. Prior to JetBlue, she worked in other medium and large companies as a Software Developer for internet and intranet projects.

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## Data Analysis

Instructor-led hands-on practice using the new POLARIS Analysis Suite.

### **Joshua Legler**, Data Manager, Bureau of EMS

Joshua Legler has worked in the Bureau of EMS for two years and has been data manager and POLARIS project manager for a year and a half. Josh's responsibilities include management and development of the prehospital data collection system as well as integration of prehospital, trauma registry, and emergency department data. He holds a Master of Science in Information Management degree from Syracuse University, with a specialization in data management, and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree from University of Washington.

## Agency Presentation—BYU EMS

POLARIS improved the quality of our Quality Improvement program. Our quality improvement program was in shambles. With Polaris, we have introduced QI processes that make use of Polaris to facilitate sharing and reviewing incident data. Using XML data exports, we are able to share pertinent information for review by our medical director, duty supervisors, and agency administrators.

### **Sam McKnight**, Training Officer, BYU EMS

Sam McKnight is the training Officer and Coordinator for BYU EMS. He has been in this position for almost 3 years. His agency is all volunteer and currently have a staff of 45-60 volunteer EMTs. The annual call volume for BYU EMS is 250 – 400 calls per year.

## Agency Presentation—Cache County EMS Authority

Our billing has improved with the use of live reporting.

### **Rod Tomkinson**, Assistant Chief, Cache County EMS and Smithfield Fire

Rod “Hoss” Tomkinson has been in EMS and Fire since 1994. He worked 6 years for Hurricane Fire Dept and 7 years with Logan Fire Dept. He is currently employed with Logan Fire as a Paramedic Firefighter, and with Cache County Ambulance/Smithfield Fire as an Assistant Chief.

## Data Entry Tips and Tricks

How to be as efficient and accurate as possible when filling out patient care reports.

### **Kade Scoresby**, Research Consultant, Bureau of EMS

Kade Scoresby is a Research Consultant at the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. His responsibilities focus on training and user support for POLARIS. Prior to interning at the Bureau of EMS he was a student at Brigham Young University—Idaho where his undergraduate studies focused on Chemistry and Biology.